

Dear Families,

It seems like winter is almost over! We've enjoyed being able to use the entire playground now that the walls of snow and thick ice have melted. As the weather warms up and the ground thaws small signs of spring are peeking out reminding us that spring is just around the corner. What an exciting time to see growth and change around us as we remember that our Blossoms are growing and changing too.

During March we'll be studying and investigating trees. We'll be asking questions about trees, making predictions and researching answers with hands-on experiences. We'll investigate trees in our neighborhood (weather pending) with neighborhood walks. We'll talk about the characteristics of trees, from its roots to its leaves. We'll also explore changes in trees, in the seasons, how humans utilize trees and how we cause changes for trees as well.

As always, we invite you to participate in any way you are comfortable. Photographs, stories, books, visiting experts (Forest Service, Tree Trimmers, Orchard Owners, etc.), and real materials such as branches, seeds, pods, pinecones, roots and bark all give children first-hand experiences and the opportunity to investigate these materials as we support this study and encourage their interest in the subject.

During our last month of studying coyotes we made coyote masks, coyotes howling at the moon, coyote paw prints, and played coyote games that let us think like predators and prey, using our eyes, ears, noses and working together as a pack. Along with our activities we went in depth into the rich heritage of coyote stories and legends that come to us all over the world. Many of these stories and legends are easy for your Blossom to retell. Not only did we read and retell these stories, but we created coyote stories of our own and even acted them out with costumes we created and our puppet theater. We hope, as your children grow and experience the wonderful natural world of Central Oregon, that we've left them with some impression and wonder at these creatures who have been called the tricksters, heroes, trouble makers, and wild symbols of The West.

As always, please feel free to talk with us at anytime and share your questions, concerns or ideas with us. We are here to help best support your children and accommodate your requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to work and play with your outstanding, creative, kind, brave, curious children.

All the best to you!

Your Blossom Teachers, Lane, Caroline, Linda, Salina

March '17

What do we know about Trees?

Notes:

Mar. 12 - Daylight Savings
 Mar. 17 - Saint Patrick's



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	
	What do we know about Trees?			
6	7	8	9	10
	What trees are in our neighborhood? What do we know about trees?			
	What changes do we see in trees? What do we want to know about trees?			
13	14	15	16	17
	How do trees grow? What are different kinds of trees?			
20	22	23	24	25
	How do we use trees and wood? How do animals use trees?			
27	28	29	30	31
	What did we learn about Trees?			

